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For: USE OF INHIBITORS OF THE ACTIVATION OF CXCR4
RECEPTOR BY SDF-1 IN TREATING RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

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Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO MARCH 11, 2004 OFFICE ACTION

This Amendment is submitted in response to the March 11, 2004 Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the March 11, 2004 Office Action is due June 11, 2004. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows: